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Title:

BIDIRECTIONAL CONNECTION SETUP BETWEEN ENDPOINTS BEHIND

NETWORK ADDRESS TRANSLATORS (NATS)

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Examiner:

Jeffrey L. Nickerson

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08b form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08b form, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

These references were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language search report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609(a)iii, second paragraph.

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Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. Accordingly, the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R.  $\S$  1.17(p) is provided herewith.

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(2) References Search Report

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